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Dear Ms. Hesse:

It is inconceivable to me that, in the face of the damage that has been done to our nation's economy in the wake of the September 11 attacks, some state governments are still intent on pursuing the Microsoft antitrust case.

Now is not the time to further weaken the information technology innovations that led to the greatest period of economic progress in our history. Now is the time to bring this costly and case to an end.

Now is not the time to force the technology industry to spend another year in the courtroom. Now is the time to get to rebuilding our economic prosperity.

It is heartening that North Carolina has agreed to the settlement. I sincerely hope the judge will do the same.

Sincerely,



Dick Rasmussen